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IF THIS TURNS OUT TO BE RIGHT, THERE WILL NOT BE PEACE, SAYS
ALSOP, AND THE DEAL WILL NOT TURN OUT TO BE GOOD, BUT SIMPLY
"THE BEST DEAL WE COULD GET"; NOT SO MUCH A SETTLEMENT AS A
REASONABLE RESPECTABLE EXTRICATION. THE DEAL MAY TURN OUT TO
BE A SIMPLE TRADE-OFF OF WHAT THEY WANTED (END TO BOMBING AND
US OUT) FOR WHAT WE WANTED (OUT). BUT THAT'S BETTER THAN WHAT
NVN DEMANDED BEFORE OCT. 8-- IMPOSITION OF A COMMUNIST REGIME ON
SAIGON BY US. "SHORT OF THAT ACT OF PERFIDY, WE HAD TO TAKE THE
BEST DEAL WE COULD GET, BECAUSE WE HAD TO GET OUT OF VN TO
PRESERVE NATIONAL SANITY," SAYS ALSOP. OTHER VN

ON-FILE NSC
RELEASE
INSTRUCTIONS
APPLY

ABC NOTED GIS IN SVN DROPPED TO 25,500 LAST WEEK, WELL BELOW
THE DEC. 1 CEILING OF 27,000. COMMAND SAID THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANCE
TO THE DROP, ADDING LEVELS MIGHT SHOW A GAIN THIS WEEK BECAUSE OF
ARRIVAL OF REPLACEMENT PERSONNEL.

US PLANES MADE HEAVY ATTACKS AGAINST NVN COMMUNICATION LINES
IN AN ATTEMPT TO CURB THE RESUPPLY OF NVA JUST BELOW DMZ.... ABC
NOTED REDS OVERRAN A GVN BASE.

LIFE FEATURES "I SURE AS HELL DON'T WANT TO BE THE LAST ONE
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SHOT DOWN," HIGHLIGHTS FRESH POIGNANCE OF STAYING ALIVE AMONG PILOTS
STILL ON COMBAT DUTY. THEY KNOW GROUND ADVISERS NEED THEIR SUPPORT,
SO THERE'S STILL JOB TO DO AND FEATURED PILOT WASKOW SAYS
POSSIBLE END TO THE WAR IS JUST SOMETHING EXTRA. IN THE MEANTIME
"IF YOU FLY W/THE IDEA THE WAR IS OVER, YOU'RE GOING TO DIE. AND
DEATH IS AT BACK OF EVERYBODY'S MIND."

REVIEWING "THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST" IN LIFE, WILLS SAYS
HALBERSTAM TELLS IN "RICH DETAIL" HOW IT WAS TRULY THE LIBERALS
WHO GAVE US VN. US DIDN'T SLIP IN ABSENTMINDEDLY AND BOOK SHOWS
NEVER HAS THERE BEEN A MORE EXPLICATED, STUDIED, CONSCIOUS -- AND
DISASTROUS -- SERIES OF STEPS, SUPERVISED BY SO MUCH TALENT AND
TRAINING AS IN VN CASE. WILLS SAYS HALBERSTAM'S BIOS ARE FULL OF
PSYCHOLOGICAL INSIGHT AND FRESH RESEARCH, SKILFULLY INTERWOVEN
AND THO THERE ARE FEW OUTRIGHT VILLAINS OR HEROES, "BEST AND
BRIGHTEST" IS TALE OF US PRIDE AND HOW IT BLINDED THE MOST
BRILLIANT AND AMBITIONS OF OUR BEST. MANY REPUTATIONS WILL
FALL VICTIM -- INCLUDING LBJ AND JFK AND RUSK ACHESON -- BUT
WILLS THINKS OF OTHER VICTIMS -- THOSE WHO LOST LIVES -- AND
FEELS THAT TO PAY FOR THE ELITE'S MISTAKES, IT " BECOMES A MATTER OF
FUTURE LIFE AND NATIONAL SANITY THAT THIS DISCREDITING GO FOR-
WARD." THE INDISPENSABLE TOOL FOR THAT IS HALBERSTAM'S
"MAGISTERIAL" BOOK.

EAST-WEST

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ABC NOTED THAT AFTER 10 YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS, THE US-USSR SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW EMBASSIES.....NOTING THIS WAS 101ST AGREEMENT SIGNED SINCE '33, A SMILING DOBRYNIN NOTED "ALMOST 50 PERCENT WERE SIGNED DURING THIS ADMIN.

STATE SAID ROGERS WILL PUSH FOR A COMMON POSITION ON A ECSC AND MBFR DURING THE NATO MEETING WED.... US SAID ECSC PARTICIPANTS FIRST MUST DEVELOP AN AGENDA TO INDICATE WHETHER ECSC HAS ANY CHANCE OF AGREEMENT. AND THE US SAID SECURITY IN EUROPE AND PEACE IN US ARE "INDIVISIBLE."

STATE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT US IS DISPLEASED BY REPORTS THAT SOME IN NATO MIGHT RECOGNIZE E. GER. BEFORE THE DEC 21 SIGNING OF GERMANIES AGREEMENT. BRAY SAID NATO, "SINCE ITS INCEPTION, MAINTAINED SOLIDARITY" ON GERMANY.

NEWSWEEK SAYS MORE CLOUDS ARE DARKENING FUTURE OF RFE AND RL W/ HILL CRITICS EXPECTED TO RENEW FIGHT IN VIEW OF RELAXED US-USSR RELATIONS, AND BONN INCREASINGLY UNEASY ABOUT HARBORING THE OPERATIONS IN VIEW OF DETENTE.

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ZHORES MEDVEDEV, EMINENT GENETICIST AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, HAS PERMISSION TO LEAVE USSR AND SPEND A YEAR IN BRITAIN. HE ISN'T EXPECTED TO RETURN HOME AND GRANTING A VISA WAS VIEWED AS DISGUISED POLITICAL EXILE, SAYS AP, WHICH NOTES THAT MOVE AND SIMILAR VISA FOR PHYSICIST CALDIZE (IN NOV.) PROVIDES SOVIETS W/ CONVENIENT MEANS OF GETTING RID OF THEM WITHOUT ARREST, TRIAL AND IMPRISONMENT -- AND RESULTING ADVERSE WESTERN PUBLICITY.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND'S POSSIBLE DEPARTURES FROM SEATO IS CAUSING "CONCERNED CONSIDERATION" BY US WHICH EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE THAT BOTH WILL STAY W/ ANZUS, BUT US CONTINUES TO REGARD SEATO AS THE MAIN LEGAL TREATY COMMITMENT TO THAILAND EVEN THO IT HAS LONG BEEN MORIBUND W/ ONLY THE US KEEPING IT ALIVE. OF ASIAN MEMBERS ONLY PHILIPPINES AND THAILAND REMAIN.

TIME NOTES McLuhan sees VN as a "RESONANT INTERVAL" BETWEEN A "WESTERNIZING ORIENT" AND AN "ORIENTALIZING WEST." HE BELIEVES WEST IS TURNING INWARD UPON ITSELF -- IN OLD ORIENTAL PATTERN -- WHILE ORIENT "HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY ENGAGED IN AN OUTER TRIP AIDED BY WESTERN TECHNOLOGY." KOREA, VN AND OTHER "TROUBLE SPOTS" ARE INTERVALS OF DISSONANCE W/ THE REAL ACTION TAKING PLACE INSIDE THE ORIENTAL AND WESTERN ENTITIES WHICH ARE REVERSING ROLES AT HIGH SPEEDS. "EVERY-BODY GOT THAT?" ASKS TIME.

LATIN AMERICA

CBS NOTED ALLENDE ACCUSED ITT OF "ATTEMPTING TO BRING ABOUT CIVIL WAR" IN CHILE AND HIS CLAIM THAT CHILE IS THE VICTIM OF SERIOUS AGGRESSION.".... ALLENDE SAID KENNECOTT ASKED OTHER COUNTRIES TO PLAN EMBARGO ON CHILE'S COPPER AND THAT HE EXPECTED KENNECOTT TO ATTEMPT THIS ELSEWHERE.

AT IMPERIALISM FOSTERED BY MULTINATIONALS WHO ARE ACCOUNTABLE
TO NO GOV'T DREW WARM APPLAUSE. AND HE HIT USG FOR "INDIRECT
AGGRESSION" BY CUTTING OFF AID.

BUT THE TOUGHEST LANGUAGE WAS AIMED AT ITT FOR AIMING TO "STRANGLE"
"SABOTAGE" AND CAUSE DISORDER AND PANIC IN CHILE WHICH WOULD
LEAD TO A CIVIL WAR ... CBS' SCHANKER SAID ALLENDE'S CHARGES PRODUCED
ALMOST IMMEDIATE DENIAL FROM BUSH, WHO ON FILM SAID HE WOULD
SIMPLY REJECT "THE ACCUSATION THE US IS TRYING TO BLOCKADE OR
FRUSTRATE CHILE....." IT'S HARD FOR US TO IDENTIFY AS A SELFISH PEOPLE
TRYING TO EXPLOIT SOMEONE ELSE," BUSH SAID. "THE CHARGE THAT US
INVESTMENT ABROAD...

IS IMPERIALIST TROUBLES TO ME. NOTHING IN FOREIGN TRADE IS
SUPPOSED TO EXPLOIT PEOPLE." HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS CHARGE AGAINST
ITT, POINTING OUT THAT ROGERS EARLIER SAID US WAS NOT INVOLVED.

CBS NOTED ITT AND KENNECOTT ALSO DENIED THE CHARGES, AND ACCUSED
CHILE OF VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN EXPROPRIATING THEIR PROP-
ERTY.... IN ITS LENGTHIEST REPORT OF NITE, ABC FOLLOWED ALLENDE
W/REPORT ON ITT'S WORLD-WIDE OPERATIONS IN 70 COUNTRIES AND
A GNP EQUAL TO THAT OF GREECE OR NEW ZEALAND. AN ECON. PROF. SAID
WHEN MULTINATIONALS HAVE PROBLEMS OVERSEAS, THEY EITHER (1) REFUSE
TO INVEST THERE ANYMORE;
(2) GO TO JOINT VENTURE; (3) BECOME POLITICALLY ACTIVE. ABC SAID
ITT'S COURSES 3 WHICH ALLENDE SAYS ITT TOOK.

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CUBA WILL RESUME FLIGHTS OF SOME 3,400 REFUGEES TO US DEC. 11...
DOD'S WALLNER EMPHASIZED CUBAN AID TO LEFTIST GROUPS HAS DECLINED
SHARPLY BECAUSE CASTRO IS RELUCTANT TO "CHANGE AN INTERNAT'L POLITICAL
REVERSAL BY BLATANT INVOLVEMENT IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, "BUT
THERE ARE STILL INDICATIONS CUBA RECENTLY SUPPLIED SUPPORT TO
SUBVERSIVES IN A NUMBER OF LAT. AMER. COUNTRIES.

ALL NETS NOTED HONDURAN ARMY NON-VIOLENTLY OVERTHREW PRES. CRUZ
AND INSTALLED ARMED FORCES COMMANDER LOPEZ ARELLANO AS PRES. FOR
REMAINING 5 YEARS IN TERM. THE COUP WAS THE 3RD BY LOPEZ IN THE
PAST 16 YEARS. HE LAST LEFT POWER 18 MONTHS AGO.

OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS

HK SMITH SAID THAT, OF NECESSITY, VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT IS MUCH
OF THE NEWS. THUS WHEN THE PROMISE OF THINGS GETTING BETTER COME
ALONG, MEDIA HAS A SPECIAL OBLIGATION TO REPORT IT, SAID HOWARD.
HE'S NOT SURE WHY IT'S ALL HAPPENING BUT LOTS OF CONFLICTS SEEM
HEADED TOWARD SETTLEMENT: MOMENTUM OF VN TALKS IS TOWARD ACCORD;
IRA RING HAS BEEN TIGHTENED BY IRISH REPUBLIC; PAK-INDA POW
EXCHANGE; BERLIN ACCORDS; CESC IS AHEAD; KOREAS ARE TALKING.
THE ACCOMMODATIONS ARE TAKING ON A SEMBLANCE OF A DISTINCT TREND,
SAID HKS. AND MOST ENCOURAGING IS WAY WHICH BIG POWERS HAVE THROWN
THEIR WEIGHT INTO THE DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS USSR/PRC RESTRAINT
ON NVN; USSR REFUSAL TO GIVE OFFENSIVE WEAPONS TO EGYPT.

IN SHORT, THIS TINY BALL OF EARTH IS CLOSER TO COMITY THAN
ANY TIME SINCE '39, SAID HAKS AND WE SHOULD TAKE PLEASURE AS
IT MAY NOT LAST.

GO ALONG W/ARAB TRADE FEDERATION DEMANDS FOR TOTAL BOYCOTT OF
 US AND W. GERMANY BY MARCH 1...GERGE LINCOLN IN US NEWS SAID
 GOVT.-TO-GOVT. DEALS ON OIL SUPPLY, SUCH AS PROPOSED BY VENEZUELA
 AND SAUDI ARABIA, COULD PRODUCE A "STAMPEDE AMONG OTHER MAJOR
 NATIONS TO DO THE SAME THINGS." HE SAID EVERYONE WOULD BE CARVING
 UP THE WORLD'S PETRO RESERVES AND IN THE PROCESS DESTROYING
 FLEXIBILITY OF PRESENT MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION.

IN A FEATURE NEWSWEEK REPORTS THAT UNDER GROWING WORLD
 PRESSURE, JAPAN'S INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL JUGGERNAUT IS
 TAKING STEPS TO SLOW ITS MOMENTUM--OPENING ITS DOMESTIC MARKET TO
 FOREIGN EXPORTERS; STEPPING UP INVESTMENT ABROAD AND SWITCHING
 PRIORITIES FROM EXPORT PROMOTION TO BUILDING UP ITS DOMESTIC
 ECONOMY. CHANGE THEN IS COMING--BUT NOT OVERNIGHT.

TIME LEADS: "HIS FLESH HANGS ON AN AGED FRAME. HIS MOUTH SAGS.
 HIS PALSIED RIGHT HAND SOMETIMES SHAKES SO BADLY THAT THE MUST
 GRIP IT IN HIS LEFT. HIS VOICE, ALWAYS SHRILL, IS STRAINED AND
 THIN. FRANCO TURNS 80 THIS WEEK." BUT HE HAS FAILED TO PREPARE
 FOR UPHEAVAL THAT COULD FOLLOW HIS RULE, AND HIS CHOICES FOR
 SUCCESSIONS HAVE AN AIR OF IMPERMANENCE ABOUT THEM. IF THEY DON'T
 MAKE IT, ARMY COULD BE THE KEY. FRANCO HAS EMASCULATED AMBITIOUS
 CONTENDERS FOR POWER TO THE POINT THAT ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN
 WHEN HE'S GONE.

TIME SAYS SPANIARDS ARE CHANGING QUICKER AND EASIER THAN
 THEIR INSTITUTIONS WHICH ARE SHOWING STRAIN. A SERIOUS SPLIT
 HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE STATE AND SPAIN'S 2ND MOST POWERFUL
 ENTITY, THE CHURCH. SPAIN IS DOGGEDLY BUILDING ITSELF INTO AN
 INDUSTRIAL POWER, YET EDUCATION IS INADEQUATE. JUSTICE IS STILL
 HARSH, W/DEATH PENALTIES IMPOSED NOT BY COURTS BUT BY ARMY. THE
 INSTITUTIONS IN SHORT, SAYS TIME, ARE MORE SUITED TO 1892, THE
 YEAR FRANCO WAS BORN.

NEWSWEEK SAYS THE MISERY HAD SCARS HAVE BEEN ALMOST WIPED OUT,
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BUT BANGLADESH IS FAR FROM RECOVERY. BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
LANDSCAPES REMAIN MUCH IN NEED OF RECONSTRUCTION AND POPULAR
FRUSTRATION IS RAPIDLY OUTRUNNING EXPECTATIONS. LAWLESSNESS IS
RAMPANT; SHORTAGES OF RAW MATERIALS AND SPARE PARTS ARE CRIPPLING
THE ECONOMY; COST OF LIVING SOARES. THE AWAMI PARTY HAS PROVED
WEAK AND INDECISIVE AND MOST BELIEVE MUJIB IS THE ONLY PERSON HOLDING
THE COUNTRY UP--W/OUT HIM THERE WOULD BE ANARCHY. THE MUJIB HAS
ANY GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM IS DUE TO THE \$1B IN INTERNAT'L RELIEF
AID, W/SINGLE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTION \$313M FROM THE US. (A TIME
MAGAZINE NOTES US AID TO INDIA IS OVER TWICE THAT OF THE SOVIET BLOC.)
MUJIB, THO, HAS YET TO TAKE A STRONG STAND AGAINST CORRUPTION
AMONG HIS SUPPORTERS, AND IF RELIEF EFFORTS SLACKEN, THE RESULT
COULD BE DISASTROUS. W/POPULATION EXPECTED TO DOUBLE W/IN 20
YEARS AND W/THE INORDINATE CAPACITY OF THE BENGALIS TO ARGUE AND
CRITICIZE RATHER THAN WORK FOR THE COMMON GOOD, PROSPECTS FOR
THE FUTURE CAN ONLY BE REGARDED W/PESSIMISM, SAYS NEWSWEEK.

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VET US DIPLOMAT JOHN CARTER VINCENT WHO BECAME A TARGET OF MCCARTHY FOR ADVOCATING EARLY COOPERATION W/PRC, DIED AT 72.

DEFENSE

IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO CBS AND WIRES (WHICH POINT OUT DOD PREDICTED FY '74 BUDGET WOULD BE LESS THAN FY '73'S) NBC SAID LAIRD "CONFIRMED" SOMETHING PREDICTED FOR MONTHS IN ANNOUNCING DOD'S BUDGET WOULD TOP \$80B. INCREASES WERE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN WESTERN STRENGTH AND ENHANCE NEGOTIATING POSITIONS. LAIRD SAID INCREASED PERSONNEL COSTS ALONG WILL TOTAL 3.9B. LAIRD SAID "NO MORE DRASTIC ERROR COULD BE MADE BY THE ALLIANCE... THAN TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTIONS AND NOT MEET THEIR COMMITMENTS." FOLLOWING NBC NOTE THAT LAIRD WILL TELL NATO ALLIES THEY'LL HAVE TO SPEND MORE ON DEFENSE, LAIRD ON FILM SAID IT WAS NECESSARY TO SHOW STRENGTH OF ALLIANCE IN VIEW OF UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS.

ASPIN SAID IT'S "SIMPLY UNBELIEVABLE" THE NAVY HAS REFUSED TO PUBLICLY DISCLOSE ESTIMATED COSTS OF TRIDENT.

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AFTER INTERVIEWING SEVERAL KITTY HAWK CREW MEMBERS, TIME
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CONCLUDED THE TROUBLEMIGHT HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF CAPT. TENSEND
HAD HEEDED "STORM WARNINGS" WEEKS AND MONTHS BEFORE. TENSION
BEGAN TO MOUNT ALMOST AS SOON AS THE FORMAL AND ALOOF CAPT.
TOOK COMMAND IN JUNE, REPLACING A POPULAR CO WHO WAS GIVEN TO
MOVING AMONG HIS CREW.

CALLEY'S LAWYERS ARGUED HIS CONVICTION SHOULD BE REVERSED ON
GROUNDS CALLEY BORE NO MALICE TOWARD THOSE KILLED AT MY LAI....
ABC/CBS NOTED CALLEYS LAWYERS ALSO CHARGED PRE-TRAIL PUBLICITY
AND STATEMENTS FROM TOP US OFFICIALS TURNED CALLEY INTO THE
"FALL MAN OF MY LAI," AND MADE A FAIR TRAIL IMPOSSIBLE.

DEFENSE ATTY. LATIMER, ON CBS, SAID THERE WERE ABOUT 30 MEN
INVOLVED IN MY LAI AND OTHER OFFICERS WERE ALSO INVOLVED,
YET ONLY CALLEY HAD BEEN CONVICTED. CBS SCHIEFFER NOTED LAWYERS
ACCUSED WESTMORELAND OF CONDUCTING HIGHLY IRREGULAR PERSONAL
PROBE OF INCIDENT. CALLEY CAN STILL APPEAL TO ANOTHER MILITARY
COURT AND RN HAS PROMISED HIS OWN REVIEW OF CASE. IT COULD BE
MONTHS, PERHAPS YEARS, BEFORE DECISIONS IS REACHED, SAID SCHIEFFER.

CALLEY'S LAWYERS ACCUSED RN OF HAVING ROLE IN DECISION TO
PROSECUTE AND QUOTED A TOP-RANKING OFFICER AT FT. BENNING AS
SAYING AT THE TIME "I'D EITHER BE A FOOL OR A JACKASS NOT TO DO
WHAT RN ASKS.".....GOV'T LAWYERS SAID CALLEY WAS AN EXECUTIONER
WHO KILLED FOR THE SAKE OF EXPENDIENCY.

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